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Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

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EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL
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SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.
VOGEL & Co.,
Sole Agents for China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my10

Intimations.

NOTICE.

EASTERN EXTENSION GREAT
AUSTRALASIA AND NORTHERN
CHINA TELEGRAPH TELEGRAPH
Co., LIMITED. COMPANY.

THE Offices of the above Companies
will be REMOVED to the First
Floor "MARINE HOUSE"—Queen's
Road Central, To-morrow, the 1st of
April.

Hongkong, March 31, 1879. ap7

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

MR. J. BRADLEE SMITH has this
Day been appointed SECRETARY
to the above Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
WM. REINERS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, March 24, 1879. ap7

NOTICE.

Estate of JAMES GYE, Medical Attend-
ant at the Chinese Government Coal
Mine, near Kelung, Deceased.

CLAIMS against the above Estate should
be lodged with the Underigned not
later than the 10th day of April, 1879.

A. FRATER,
H. B. M.'s Consul.

H. B. M.'s Consulate,
Tunney, 12th March, 1879. ap11

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS
STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at
Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS
GODOWNS, under European supervision;
and VESSELS Discharged alongside the
Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick
despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI
during the Summer Months, leaving
Hongkong on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE AGENTS FOR

COURCIER and ADETS' CLARETS.
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STARKEY'S GOLD LACE and OFFICERS'
DECORATIONS.
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KONSTAMM'S CHAMPAGNE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Be to call Special Attention to the following Departments:—

COAST ORDER DEPARTMENT:

ORDERS from the COAST or OUT-PORTS are Promptly and Carefully
Executed. Goods not in Stock will be procured, if possible, in the Colony.

SPECIAL ORDER DEPARTMENT:

BOOKS, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, ORNAMENTAL HOUSE or GAR-
DEN FITTINGS, FURNITURE, PIANOS, MEDICINES, BILLIARD TABLES,
ARMS, &c., &c., ordered from ENGLAND, at a Commission (all trade discounts being
allowed) on the laid down cost, of 5 per cent. on amounts over, and 10 per cent.
on amounts under \$100.

FORWARDING AGENCY:—

PACKAGES of CURIOS, TEA, PRESERVES, &c., &c., forwarded to any
Address in the UNITED KINGDOM by each P. & O. Mail, Charges in full collected
either here or from the Consignees as desired. Particulars required with each
Package are, Contents for declaration at Customs and value for insurance.

Hongkong, February 27, 1879.

EIGHT PER CENT. SILVER LOAN

THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT,

Authorized by Imperial Decree dated the 14th Day of the Ninth Moon of the Fourth
Year of Kuang-Sü (9th October, 1878.)

Haiquan Taels 1,750,000—Shanghai Taels 1,949,500 Stock.

In Bonds of Shanghai Taels 500 each, bearing Interest from 11th April, 1879.

The First Instalment of Interest being payable on 5th October, 1879, in
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

The Bonds are redeemable at PAR WITHIN SIX YEARS (1884) by HALF-YEARLY
(ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE CALENDAR) DRAWINGS.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN HONGKONG.

PRICE OF ISSUE—PAR.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION hereby
invites SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SHANGHAI TAELS 1,787,000 of 8 PER CENT.

Bonds at the issue-PRICE OF PAR, payable as follows:—

SHANGHAI TAELS 10 per cent. on application.
90 " 15 days after allotment.
100 "

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of Shanghai Taels eight per cent. per
annum, payable half-yearly according to the Chinese Calendar, as per annexed Schedule,
at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at
current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai.

The first payment of interest on the full amount of each Bond will be payable on
5th October, 1879, at the above-mentioned places.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within six years (1884) by 11 half-yearly Draw-
ings, commencing 5th October, 1879, of Shanghai Taels 162,500 each, the balance of the
Loan, Shanghai Taels 162,500, being paid off on 9th August, 1884.

The Drawings will take place in Hongkong in February and August in each year,
and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the respective dates specified in
annexed Schedule at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai,
after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorized by an Imperial Decree, dated 9th of October, 1878.

The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the
Imperial Maritime Customs' Revenue of the ports of Shanghai, Foochow, Canton,
Ningpo and Hankow—the five Ports which have the largest Customs' Revenue of the
Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of
principal of the said Loan.

The special hypothecation of Customs' Revenue to meet the charge of the present
Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
of Customs' Bonds, signed by the Viceroy and Governors of the respective Provinces
in which the Ports referred to are situated, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in
trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs' Bonds will be received, in case of
need, in payment of Chinese Customs' Duties.

Certified Translations of the Official Documents authorizing the Loan, may be
inspected at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong
and Shanghai.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous pay-
ments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion
of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards
the payment of the final instalment.

Bonds to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipt.

	Principal.	Interest.	Total.
1st Instalment due 5th October, 1879.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
2nd " 30th March, 1880.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
3rd " 23rd September, 1880.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
4th " 19th March, 1881.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
5th " 12th September, 1881.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
6th " 8th March, 1882.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
7th " 1st September, 1882.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
8th " 25th February, 1883.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
9th " 21st August, 1883.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
10th " 14th February, 1884.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
11th " 9th August, 1884.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
Shanghai Taels.....	1,787,000.00	418,676.69	2,205,676.69

Applications (Forms of which can be obtained at the offices of the Bank) accom-
panied by a deposit of Shanghai Taels Ten per cent., will be received by the Hongkong
and Shanghai Banking Corporation until the eleventh day of April, 1879, on which
date the allotment will be made.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, AGENTS
ISSUING THE LOAN.

(Signed) T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1879.

Intimations.

Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 4—Vol. VII.

—OF THE—
"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

Jottings from the Book of Rites.
Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-
ming.

The Ballads of the Shi-king.
Translations of Chinese School-books.

The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.
Alchemy in China.

Appendix to Wylie's "Coins of the Ta-
Ch'ing Dynasty." "Hien Fung" Period.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary
Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—
A Few Petty Additions to Dr Douglas'
Dictionary.

Trouts in China.
Ancient Vases.

Inheritance.
Greeting the Spring.

Adoption.
The Term Kwal.

Mongol and Yuan-pao.
Leasehold Usage.

Chinese Coins.
Coronation of the King of Lochoo.

The Quigir Alphabet.
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,
Hongkong, March 21, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER,
DR EASTLAKE will receive his
PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,
No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the
MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE CREDITORS of GEPP & Co. are
requested to send in all CLAIMS to
the Undersigned, on or before SATUR-
DAY, 5th April, 1879.

per pro. GEPP & Co.
FRANK HYDE.

Canton, March 25, 1879. ap5

F. HUTCHINGS
begs to announce to the Community
of Hongkong that he will be able to supply
BEEF, MUTTON, &c.,
from 1st October, and trusts that they may
grant him their support.

SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite
the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship
"KWANGTUNG,"
Capt. WESTON, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports
on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 20, 1879. ap2

FOR SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship
"GLENCOE,"
Capt. GULLAND, will leave
for the above Ports on or
about the 2nd Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 20, 1879. ap2

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Eastern and Australian
Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer
"BOWEN,"
Capt. MILLER, will be de-
spatched as above on THURSDAY, the
3rd April, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, March 27, 1879. ap5

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"TIBRE,"
Commandant LE FONTOIS, will be
despatched for YOKOHAMA
shortly after the arrival of the next French
Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 23, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"PELLO,"
Commandant PASQUALINI, will be
despatched for SHANGHAI
shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 26, 1879.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Clipper Ship
"CILURNUM,"
BEADLE, Master, will be de-
spatched for the above Port,
on the 9th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 28, 1879. ap9

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark
"T. A. GODDARD,"
Capt. SMITH, will load here
for the above Port, and have
quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 12, 1879. ap12

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Bark
"PENOBSCOT,"
Capt. CHAPMAN, will load here
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 29, 1879. ap29

FOR VICTORIA (VANCOUVER'S
ISLAND).

The A 1 American Bark
"THOS. FLETCHER,"
Capt. PENDLETON, will load
here for the above Port, and
will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 29, 1879. ap29

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship
"EDITH,"
MANSON, Master.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 28, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 American Ship
"PRIMA DONNA,"
LUNT, Master.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 28, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship
"CHARMER,"
Captain LUGAS, will load here
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The A 1 German Schooner
"FORMOSA,"
BURGWARDT, Master.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 17, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship
"GOLDEN RULE,"
LEWIS, Master.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

FOR PORTLAND.

The A 1 American Bark
"STILLMAN B. ALLEN,"
TAYLOR, Master.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark
"STRACATHRO,"
MILLAR, Master.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship
"BLACK HAWK,"
HOWLAND, Master.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The 3/3 L.T.T. Norwegian Ship
"SUMARLIDE,"
TOMLASEN, Master.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Bark
"HAZELHURST,"
GOUDRY, Master.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879.

Aden Australia Winter." The passengers subscribed £5 for him. We believe "Thomas Aden Australia Winter" may, according to custom, be considered a native of Stepney.

The public entertainment given last evening at the Good Templars' Reading-Room, Fletcher's Buildings, attracted a good house; the audience, as well as the performers, being, principally, soldiers and sailors. A very full programme was presented, Mr. Mounter of the *Charlydis*, who distinguished himself so much at the last Temperance Hall Entertainment, being called upon to perform the lion's share of the work. The songs and recitations were very well rendered, notably those by Mr. Corbett of H. M. S. *Lily*, who sang of the fickleness of the fair sex towards the sailors when far away; and those by Messrs. Williams, Ward, and Dirrell. The meeting separated shortly before 11 o'clock.

We again make room in this issue for several cuttings from the Home papers to hand by the *Glencoe*, believing our readers will rather enjoy their English news in advance of the mail. Amongst the other items are two important cases in the High Court of Justice on February 20th, one an appeal in the case of Provand v. Langton and Riley, on which we commented editorially the other day; the other an action in connection with the collision of Penang between the P. & O. *Khedive* and the steamer *Voorwaerts*, when the latter was partially sunk. She was afterwards raised and brought on to Singapore for repairs at the New Harbour Dock, and is now declared to be perfectly seaworthy. The Court holds that both were to blame, and gives decrees accordingly.

Born judges sat to-day in Summary Jurisdiction, but the cases were mostly uninteresting. An application was made by Mr. Holmes, on behalf of Mr. Smith of Messrs. Blackhead & Co., to take out of Court a sum of \$551, which had been paid in by Mr. Theodore Pustau in satisfaction of a judgment debt. The application was opposed by Mr. Wotton, on behalf of the official assignee, who claimed this sum as forming part of the bankrupt estate of W. Pustau & Co. It appears that the money of Mr. Theodor Pustau had been stopped at the Bank by the official assignee, but subsequently a petition was made to allow of a compromise, by giving Mr. T. Pustau command of a portion of the money; but as the creditors refused to allow Mr. W. Pustau any money out of the estate to go to Hamburg, the Chief Justice had refused the petition. His Lordship now said that the proper course would be to take out an interpleader summons, but as the hearing in bankruptcy of W. Pustau is to take place on Thursday, the case was allowed to stand over till Friday, when such a step may not be necessary.

The O. & O. S.S. *Gaelic* had her rainbow up this morning, and a steam-launch was engaged to meet the steamer about ten miles outside to bring back a large party of residents who accompanied this fine vessel for that distance on her trip to Yokohama and San Francisco. This display of flags and friendliness was owing to the fact that Mr. G. B. Emory, the popular agent of the Company at this port, took his departure in the *Gaelic* for a well-earned holiday. Mr. Emory has been a resident in Hongkong for the last ten years, and during that period he has not only been a prominent member of the American section of our community, but an active and hearty supporter of all the amusements and recreations of this cosmopolitan Colony. We hope that his health will be so improved that his return may not be extended over many months. Mr. Blanchard acts as agent of the O. & O. Company in the meantime. Captain Kidley, the captain of the *Gaelic*, who has also gone home by this opportunity, carries with him the sincere good wishes of a large number of residents.

The British barque *Elizabeth Childs*, which left here for Newchwang on Saturday, the 20th ult., put back here to-day in consequence of having been boarded by pirates. She was towed to sea on Saturday, and when off Mendoc Island between 7 and 8 p.m. a junk ranged alongside. It was soon evident what her intentions were. Stink-pots were hoisted on board by the junk, and a volley was fired on board from small arms. The pirates, numbering about 60 men, boarded the ship before the crew had time to consider their position, and the rascals had everything their own way. They drove the captain and officers below, and the men forward; two or three took refuge on the jibboom, while some ran up the fore-mast. The pirates having once got on board and no resistance being offered, ceased firing, and having possessed themselves of the ship's chronometer, and the Captain and Chief Officer's watches, next ransacked the vessel, going below and breaking open some of the cargo. There seems to have been some misunderstanding among the

pirates as to the vessel they had got hold of, for when, in answer to their queries as to the vessel's destination, they were assured that she was not going to Shanghai, they swore very fluently, in English and Chinese, anathematizing themselves and everybody else concerned. The lights of a steamer bearing down upon them hoisted in sight at this time and caused the freebooters to speedily decamp, leaving a musket and several bullets on board as tokens of their visit, the musket being of a much superior quality to any that the *Elizabeth Childs* had with her. Those on board the barque report that no fewer than fifty pirates boarded the vessel, and that they were on board, with full possession of the ship, about a quarter of an hour. Another junk was lying about two cables' length off during the whole proceedings, evidently a consort of the rascals who attacked the barque. It is just possible that they mistook the *Elizabeth Childs* for the *Helena*, which left here on the 28th ultimo, with a large quantity of prepared opium on board. The pirates were at all events much disappointed, but they nevertheless behaved honorably in so far as they did not fire when they found no resistance offered and took none of the clothes of the crew. The Captain took refuge in a cupboard and had the satisfaction of seeing his crew ransacked, he himself being out of sight.

We are not to have one of the 100-ton guns, it seems, for the Hongkong defenses. We read that the four 100-ton guns purchased of Sir William Armstrong and Co. by the British Government are to be appropriated to the defence of Malta and Gibraltar, two to each station. They will be mounted behind earthworks, in barbette, and a plan has been devised by the Elswick firm whereby the loading of these monster guns can be effected under cover, by manual power. The guns will be brought to Woolwich, and duly subjected to proof, before being sent to their final destination. The price to be paid for each gun is, we believe, 16,200*l*.

Those in Hongkong who enjoyed the great artistic treat provided for us by the performance by the Choral Society of "H. M. S. *Pinafore*," will not be surprised to hear from New York that "this comic opera is the rage of the town. It is played in four theatres in the city to crowded houses, and in ten other theatres in smaller cities. Its catch words, its gags, and the sprightly points of its dialogues are the catch-words of the streets and places of public resort, and a selection of the music is played by all the theatre orchestras. There never was before such a theatrical furore in this country about anything put on the stage."

The following notifications are from the *London Gazette* of February 18th:—
27th Foot.—Major Andrew David Geddes to be Lieut.-Col., vice Brevet Col. H. H. Morant, Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty, retired on half-pay; Capt. Henry Burch Pye Phillips to be Major, vice A. D. Geddes; Lieut. Charles William Hare to be Capt., vice J. M. Kerr, resigned on appointment to the Army Pay Department; Lieut. Alexander James Irvine to be Capt., vice H. B. P. Phillips, promoted; Lieut. John Cave Bayly is seconded for special service at the Cape of Good Hope; War Office, Pall Mall, February 18th.

The following items of Naval news are from the *Straits Times*:—
H. M.'s gunboat *Frolic*, Commander Rickman, will leave for Saigon and Hongkong at day light on Tuesday (25th). Capt. A. E. Dupuis, her former commander, left for Southampton by mail steamer on the 22nd.

H. B. M. steam corvette *Modeste* arrived this morning (20th) at Tanjong Pagar Dock, after a cruise to Penang and the Native States. After she shall have coaled at Tanjong Pagar, the *Modeste* will take up position in the man-of-war anchorage in the harbour. It is expected that in about two months the *Modeste* will be relieved by the *June*, upon which she will leave for Shanghai, staying, however, at Hongkong on the way for a couple of months.

To the naval officers on the China Station the following paragraph from an exchange may be interesting, if not instructive:—

Much indignation is expressed at Portsmouth at the conduct of a young lieutenant, who recently had between twenty and thirty senior officers in a miniature "Lightning" going full speed against a heavy head sea, and yet did nothing. Liberal offers were made to him before starting, but without success, and it is felt that such an opportunity for accelerating the flow of promotion in the service is not likely to occur again for some time.

The instructions for the *Encounter* to proceed to the China Station through the Suez Canal having been cancelled, her present orders are to proceed to the Cape, there to place herself at the disposal of the senior naval officer, should her services be needed. The *Encounter* is a wooden corvette, having a complement of 230 officers and men, including 50 marines.—*Home Paper*, Feb. 21st.

The new contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Company for the conveyance of mail to and from the East was presented in Parliament on the evening of the 11th March; the average rate of speed is to be eleven knots between Brindisi, Alexandria, Suez and Bombay, and 10½ knots between Suez and Shanghai; the total amount of the subsidy is £370,000 and the penalties will be absolute.

The *Home News* of Feb. 21st, announces that arrangements have been made at last by which a limited number of passengers can proceed through France to and from Brindisi with the Indian mails; hitherto none have been permitted to accompany the mails between Paris and the Italian frontier. A sleeping-car will be attached to the train carrying the mail, and passengers securing their places beforehand will find accommodation reserved for them from Calais to Bologna, breakfast and dinner being served in the cars at reasonable prices. At present the number of passengers will be limited to twelve, and the price from Calais to Bologna, or vice versa, in addition to the railway fare, will be £2 10*s*.; as soon as arrangements are made to run distance Homeward passengers, on application to the Peninsular and Oriental Company's agent at Brindisi, will be able to purchase tickets for the homeward route.

In the home papers to hand by this mail, we read of the final disposal of the case against the man Mullins, the seaman who was convicted at the last session of sending a threatening letter to Mr. Gray, the Assistant Secretary to the Marine Department of the Board of Trade. Mr. Justice Hawkins (Central Criminal Court, February 11) said he was perfectly satisfied that when the prisoner wrote the letter to Mr. Gray he had no intention to murder him or to intimidate him in the performance of his duty, or to extort money from him; he merely wished to force Mr. Gray to institute legal proceedings against him, and thus give him an opportunity of bringing before the public what he conceived to be his grievances against the Board of Trade. He (the Judge) moreover believed that the prisoner now regretted the course he had taken, and had resolved never again to commit a similar act. This being the case, he thought he was justified in merely calling upon the prisoner to enter into his own recognizance in 100*l*., and find one surety in 50*l*., to come up for judgment if he was called upon to do so, and at the same time to be of good behaviour for the future. This same Mullins was engaged as one of the crew of the steamer *Scotland*, which was here the other day, and was prevented from coming out by her only by this charge being preferred against him. "The English Consul at Port Said had this same man before him some time ago," we hear from a private letter from Port Said, "for insubordination on board ship—conduct" he said, "more like that of a madman than a human being in his senses." The Consul sent him to goal for three months, and during the period of his incarceration the man wrote, and forwarded to him, volumes of poetry, "from grave to gay, from lively to severe,"—a man of it wonderfully beautiful and sensible, other specimens simply rare absurdity and ludicrous raving. A great part of it was an intercession for the consideration by Her Majesty of the grievous and manifold wrongs he had sustained and suffered at the hands of the Board of Trade. The story is a very sad one, as are most cases of dethroned reason. Mullins is a fine looking, well-built, strong, ruddy fellow; you would never suspect him of lunacy until he begins to speak. There you see it all at a glance."

All the colonies have the looser question to trouble them in some shape or other; in India the difficulty is simply overwhelming. The most heart-rending thing there is to see how soon a young fellow, "down on his luck" becomes a loafer. There have been schemes innumerable for grappling with the question, but little has been done to effectually meet it. The question is now being discussed in Australia whether it is the duty of the State, or for the matter of that, of anybody else, to keep loafers alive at all; and the general idea seems to be that it would be wise to improve him altogether off the face of the Earth. "Mr. Beauchamp, a very useful public man in all matters relating to practical philanthropy, has openly declared that it is a waste of money to prevent them dying. And a great many people agree with him,—that to house them, and feed them on what are known as medical comforts, is an error in social economy; more especially as their misfortunes are, in this part of the world, the result of their own bad conduct."

Considerable attention has been directed in Lillibulger to the subject of Foreign missions, by Mr. R. Henry Brunton, an old resident in Japan, who, in a recent lecture delivered at the Working Men's Club and Institute, Bathgate, ventured to make a rather fierce attack on missions generally

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenalloch* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 28, 1879. ap4

FROM GLASGOW, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 7th Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 31, 1879. ap7

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Ex "Yangtze."

H L c/o Mr. Marty, No. 1, case Arms, from Marseilles.

Ex "Ava."

H J A H (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from London.

Ex "Anadyr."

M F (in diamond) W M C (underneath) No. 15, Order, 1 case Umbrellas, from London.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

A M Nos. 1/20, Mr. A. Marty, 20 cases Wine, from Marseilles.

E S Nos. 101/05, Order, 5 cases Mer-T-O chandises, from Marseilles.

Mont. Joubert Hanoi, 2 cases Wax, from Saigon.

North China Ins. Co., 1 case Books, from London.

Hongkong, March 28, 1879.

To Let.

TO BE LET.

On Shamoon—Canton.

THE SPACIOUS PREMISES lately occupied by Messrs OLYMPIAN & Co., comprising: DWELLING HOUSE, with Godown, Tea and Silk Rooms attached.

For Particulars, apply to

EDWARD DAVIS, Canton.

Canton, March 12, 1879. ap12

TO LET.

OFFICES on the FIRST FLOOR, No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Apply to

J. NOBLE, No. 8, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, March 13, 1879. ap13

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES and DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central. Possession 1st March next.

Apply to

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East—

FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 2 and 4, Praya East.

Also,

A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the Dwelling to the eastward of the Pier, with part of its spacious Verandah. Immediate Possession.

Apply to

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

TO LET.

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wharf Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to

TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS OFFICES and GODOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60, Praya Central.

Apply to

WO HANG, Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

Mails.



STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON; ALSO BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *THIBET*, Captain J. H. TORRICK, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 12th April, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 29, 1879. ap12

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTES FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, SMALLA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSAILLES; ALSO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 6th April, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *AMAZON*, Commandant LORENT, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above place.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 4th April, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, March 25, 1879. ap5

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer *ALASKA* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 15th April, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On THROUGH PASSAGES TO EUROPE, a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT from Regular Rates is granted to OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY, AND MEMBERS of the CIVIL and CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., of 14th April. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 21, 1879. ap15

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. ap1

INSURANCES.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

SWISS LLOYD.

TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1875.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1875.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, July 9, 1875.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000 " Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000 " Annual Income £250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

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Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of £50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Kiosks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

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